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Rajugopal R. Gubbi, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCESSING A  
COMPUTER NETWORK COMMUNICATION  
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of June 12, 2000, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Amended) A method of seeking admission to a computer network, comprising:
- listening, at a first network device not a current component of the computer network, to a communication channel communicatively coupling two or more current components of the computer network; and
- transmitting, from the first network device, a connection request to a controller of the computer network within a designated time slot of the communication channel.

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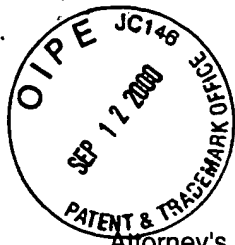
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